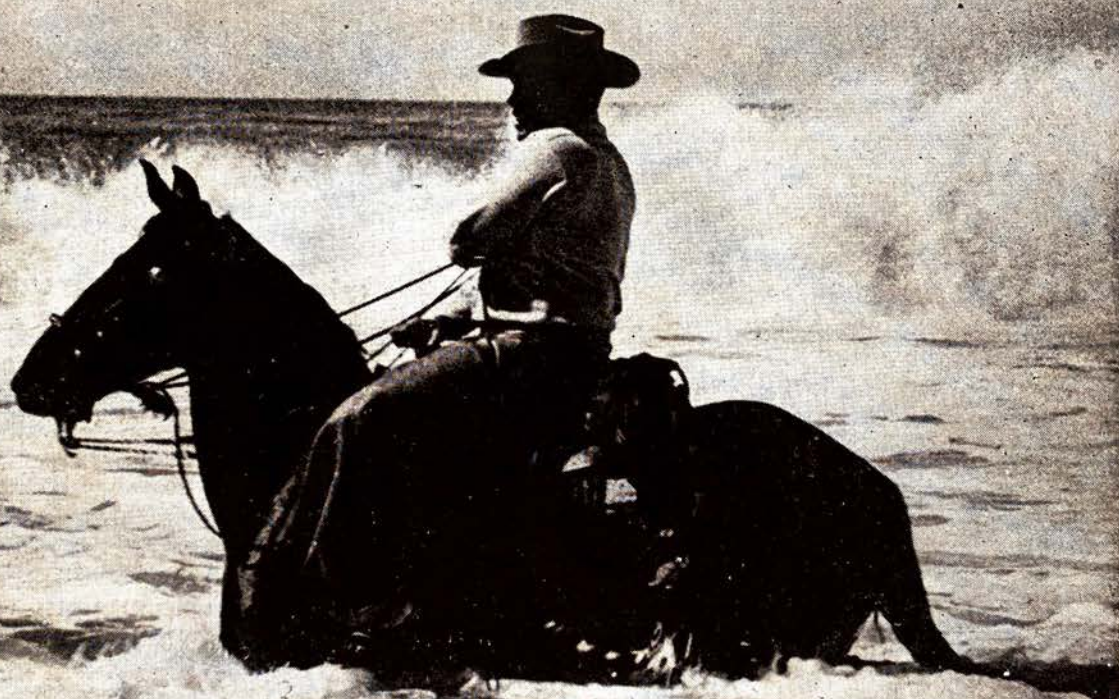




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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 5
 Time: 8:00 P.M.
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Editorial

THE HORSE HAS HIS DAY

It is said that a horse is much too intelligent to be classified as a dumb animal. Now we have it definitely coming into its own, for surely a horse show glorifies the horse.

The shining glossy coat, the proud prancing gait, the fluid grace of line and motion, these are all outward appearances of the blue blood; but blue ribbons are won on training, horsemanship and showmanship as well as on blood lines. Horsemanship will tell in a performance of any horse. The management can only select the classes they think can be best filled, not in number of entries but in quality of potential exhibitors in whose hands and through whose magnificent cooperation is imposed the destiny of the show. This splendid support is not only appreciated by those presenting the show but also by the host of horse lovers who will attend.

We have gone a long way since our first show back in 1943, and it is gratifying to see names of members serving on committees of that year that are still assisting us today. While it is true that we have made progress annually, it also appears that we have only just begun, and to this you will agree when we are in position to announce plans that have been set up for the horse-show arena in Joaquin Miller park. There is no doubt about it, this will be one of the finest plants in California. With permanent grounds we can plan ahead from year to year in furthering our show. In the near future the annual Metropolitan horseshow should be one of the outstanding horse events in this section of the state.

Definite steps toward this goal start with our 1949 show and will include several rodeo events, working cattle in stock horse classes and the introduction of the past president's trophy to be vied for in a different class each year. With advance announcement of this past president's class, members will have ample time to get their mounts ready and this in turn should make this the outstanding event of our future shows.

So fellow members, horsemen and exhibitors, let's go all out this year to make this seventh annual Metropolitan show a memorable one in the annals of the sport of kings — the horse show.

George Walling,
 Horse Show Manager.

OUR COVER

While the bridegroom is usually the forgotten man, we are changing things and bringing you a picture of our benedict of the month, Ray Theobald. If you ask us, it looks like Ray is contemplating some kind of a plunge but we happen to know that this is the Pacific, and not the Sea of Matrimony.

Ray, who was married April 23 to Jean Katherine Williams, of San Francisco, is shown on "Monterey", his half Arabian-half Peruvian horse, one of the few in this locality. Ray rides with the Sonoma County Trail Blazers, the Frontier Boys and the International Footprinters association.

Good luck, Ray and Jean.



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SO LONG, JOE

Members of the local horse world, as well as a large host of other friends and acquaintances were saddened by the death of Joe Medaglia, 42, of Oakland. Injured in a car collision, on March 26, Joe passed away in the Alameda hospital March 29. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, in Hayward.

While a native of New York state, Joe had lived in the Bay area since a small child and was widely known. A member of the Metropolitan Horsemen's association for many years, he was also a former member of the Contra Costa sheriff's posse and the spectacular and popular Clark Hotel Palomino club, of San Francisco. He was a member of Chapter 7, of the International Footprinters.

It was Joe Medaglia who at one time, while at a Reno rodeo sold his famous palomino, Johnny Boy, to a New York man, then owner of the Flying Tigers airline. The man who purchased the horse sent a plane to the west coast to pick up the animal and later, while on a trip to China, presented the horse to General Chang Kai Shek. The horse was sent to China by air and it was said that by the time that it had reached its distinguished owner the New York man had a better than \$10,000 investment in the horse.

Joe owned the Diamond Horseshoe cocktail lounge, in East Oakland. He is survived by his wife, Ann, and two daughters, Jacqueline, 15, and Joanne, 12. We'll all miss you, Joe.

M. H. A. Activities

WHAT KIND OF A HORSEMAN ARE YOU?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend our functions and mingle with the boys,
Or do you stay away and criticize with noise?
Do you take an active part to help our work along,
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that "just belong?"
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick,
Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about a clique?
We have many functions planned, that you must have heard about,
Your committees would appreciate it, if you'd come and help us out.
Come to our functions, give your committees a good start,
Don't just be a member—pitch in and do your part.
Brother Horseman, you know right from wrong,
Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

DANCE ATTRACTS LARGE ATTENDANCE

Proving to be one of the most successful social affairs of the year, the Western dance held April 23 at the Tourist club drew a large attendance.

Si Simons, activities chairman, while unable to be present himself, had selected a committee that handled things in an able manner and everyone present reported a grand time.

Prize winners included Florence Cosca, who captured the door award, a beautiful belt buckle made by the Bentley-Silva Saddle shop. Mrs. Fisher was adjudged the best dressed cow girl with a prize also going to Johnnie Curry as the best dressed cow boy. Russ Burgess was awarded two tickets to the Livermore rodeo.

Proceeds will go to the trail fund.

REGIONAL MEETING MAY 6 AT SAN PABLO

Reservations are coming in rapidly for the regional meeting May 6 at the Richmond Golf club on Giant road, north of San Pablo avenue.

Fred Anderson, regional vice president, reports that an outstanding program has been prepared which will include motion pictures of the Contra Costa county sheriff's posse as it participated in the Mardi Gras at New Orleans.

Sponsoring clubs include the San Pablo Horsemen's association, the Contra Costa Rangers, the Berkeley Hills Riding club, the Contra Costa Sheriff's posse, the Richmond Elk's Mounted Patrol and the So-brante Riders' club. Leo Armstrong is serving as chairman of the evening.

Guests will include Contra Costa officials and officers of the California State Horsemen's association as well as various representatives of horsemen's activities in the Bay area.

Dinner will be served at 7 o'clock, followed by the program and dancing. Those attending are requested to wear riding attire.

Reservations are to be made with Mrs. Kay Walling, director, Kellog 4-9468.



JUNIORS ORGANIZE PARADE GROUP

With 26 juniors on hand for the first parade drill, held April 24 at Miss Graham's ring, M.H.A. Juniors are off to a good start for one of the best parade units in this section of the state.

The group, under the direction of Fred Anderson, vice president of region 5, worked in perfect unison and plans call for both Western and English units. Captains are Corrine Smith and Cotton Feliz. Don Schwimley, M.H.A. parade chairman, was on hand to offer suggestions and to outline plans to outfit the riders. According to announcement several more juniors are desired for the drill work.

All juniors are urged to be present at each stated meeting, held the second Saturday of each month, in order that they may keep in touch with all activities planned for the year.

According to Mrs. Kay Walling, junior chairman, cards will not be sent out for the stated meetings. The next meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on May 14.

The Juniors wish to thank Mr. Pray, Mr. Simons and Mr. Walling for the seats which were built at the clubhouse in order that the juniors would have adequate seating facilities for their meetings.

EASTER EGG HUNT PROVES GREAT FUN

The Russell Burgess home, on Rifle Lane, was the scene of a merry gathering on Easter Sunday afternoon when members of the M.H.A. Juniors gathered for their first annual Easter egg hunt.

"Teen agers were invited to come early and hide the eggs. Later after a wild scramble by the younger members it was found that among the girls, Gail Cameron, was entitled to first prize for having found the greatest number, while Marvin Brown was equally successful among the boys.

Later there were relay races with first prize going to Cammy Donniway, and second to Barton Heller. Pat Rukavina was third and Jack Cameron, fourth.

Punch was served and two lovely big cakes were sent over, as a surprise by Mrs. Feliz. Hot dogs were roasted in the barbecue pit to round out a most enjoyable outing.

Janet Phillips Has New Horse

One of the proudest juniors in the association is Janet Phillips who has recently purchased a new saddlebred.

The pretty light sorrel mare, a 5-year old, is by the Des Moines-Supreme strain and is registered as "Highland Supreme".

Janet, who says the horse is full of pep and a nice showy animal, plans to keep her for pleasure only. She calls her "Supreme", but we'll let you in on a secret, Mrs. Phillips, mother of Janet, has nicknamed the new member of the family Susie.

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Junior Activities

JUNIOR AGE LIMIT NOW SET AT 17

At the last meeting of the M.H.A., board of directors it was voted to change the age limit for Juniors to include those 17 years of age. According to Mrs. Walling this was done to conform with the qualifications for the regional and state competition.

Any junior expecting to enter the finals of Region 5 for the championship boy and girl contests at the state convention is requested to be at the May business meeting as instructions for this competition will be discussed.

M.H.A. JUNIORS PLAN HAY RIDE

After carefully scanning the calendar and learning that the full moon should be shining in all its glory, members of the M.H.A. have scheduled a moonlight hay ride for May 13.

The hayride will begin and end at the Western Stables. Mrs. Kay Walling, junior chairman, would like to have volunteers furnish baked beans and salad for the occasion. Anyone willing to do this is requested to call Mrs. Walling at KE. 4-9468. Parents and any interested adults are more than welcome to attend the rides as well as all other Junior activities.

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JUNIORS HOLD FIRST TRAIL RIDE OF SEASON

There were 25 Juniors for the first trail ride of the season on April 2, the group meeting at Skyline and Redwood Road. The weather was perfect and the riders were accompanied by Margaret Rukavina and Bill Pray.

The three-hour ride terminated in Redwood Regional park where lunch was followed by an afternoon of soft ball. Mrs. Bill Pray, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patton and their small daughter, Linda, and Mrs. Chandler brought their lunches to the park and joined in the merry-making. It was agreed that the Juniors would hold a trail ride each month.

DIABLO VALLEY RIDE SET FOR JULY 7-10

Hi Kids! Here is the date that you have been waiting for, July 7-8-9-10. That's when you go on the Diablo Valley ride. The El Caballo Volante ride committee isn't letting any grass grow under its feet as it goes to work on the various arrangements.

We have reason to expect a big entry so send yours in soon. We know you'll have fun riding in competition with kids of your own age and it is going to be great fun to sleep out on Mt. Diablo. Our big steak barbecue will also be a big treat.

Here is a note to Dad and Mom: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lockhart, of Walnut Creek, will chaperon the event and the Lockharts will ride the entire route with the contestants.

Entry blanks are ready to mail and all we want is to know where to send yours. Please drop a line to our secretary and your blank will be sent by return mail. This address is the El Caballo Volante Horsemen's association, Bobbie Larson, secretary-treasurer, 104 Patterson Blvd., Concord, Calif. Phone Walnut Creek 5444. Duane Lockhart, publicity manager.

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Membership News

YOUR HORSE SHOW MANAGER SAYS:

All of you are probably wondering what progress is being made as to our coming horse show, and I am reluctant to tell you that in spite of considerable activity from committee chairmen, we have no picture of interest for you, as of today. All of the details are under way such as new arm bands, fender strips; the Ribbon and Trophy committee is very active and has made a lot of progress; the Ticket and Program committees are both well under way; the Grounds committee was formed this week and your Class and Event committee will meet the last week in April to set up the classification list, ready for printing. In fact all of your committees have been hitting the ball and I am very happy with the cooperation I have received.

The June Issue of the Trail Blazer will be dedicated to the Horse show. We will give you all officials of the show including the judges, ring master, time keepers, ring crew, gate men, ushers, in fact everyone connected in any way.

At this time I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and invite criticism and suggestions. Watch this column in the June issue.

George Walling.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Junior activities occupied a major share of the regular board meeting, held April 7, at the office of President Jim Myers.

A letter from Don Phelps was presented to the directors in which he stated that due to pressure of business he would be unable to continue as a director. The vacancy will be filled at the May meeting.

Trails chairman, A. B. Graham, stated that two horse crossing signs are badly needed at the Wagon Wheel ranch crossing and asked the board to approve the expenditure of installing these signs.

Mrs. Edna Collins, editor of the Trail Blazer, reported that money for the advertising was very slow in coming in, and it was voted to send a letter to each of the advertisers calling their attention to the fact that the magazine is self supporting and asking them to settle their past due accounts.

It was voted to hold the annual trail ride and field day on May 30.

Don Schwimley, parade chairman, reported that he is already at work on plans for the parade to precede the horse show, and asked that any units desiring information concerning this contact him. It is hoped to have this parade even larger than the one held last year, and units and individuals are requested to start making plans to participate. It is also hoped to have several novelty entries, according to Don.

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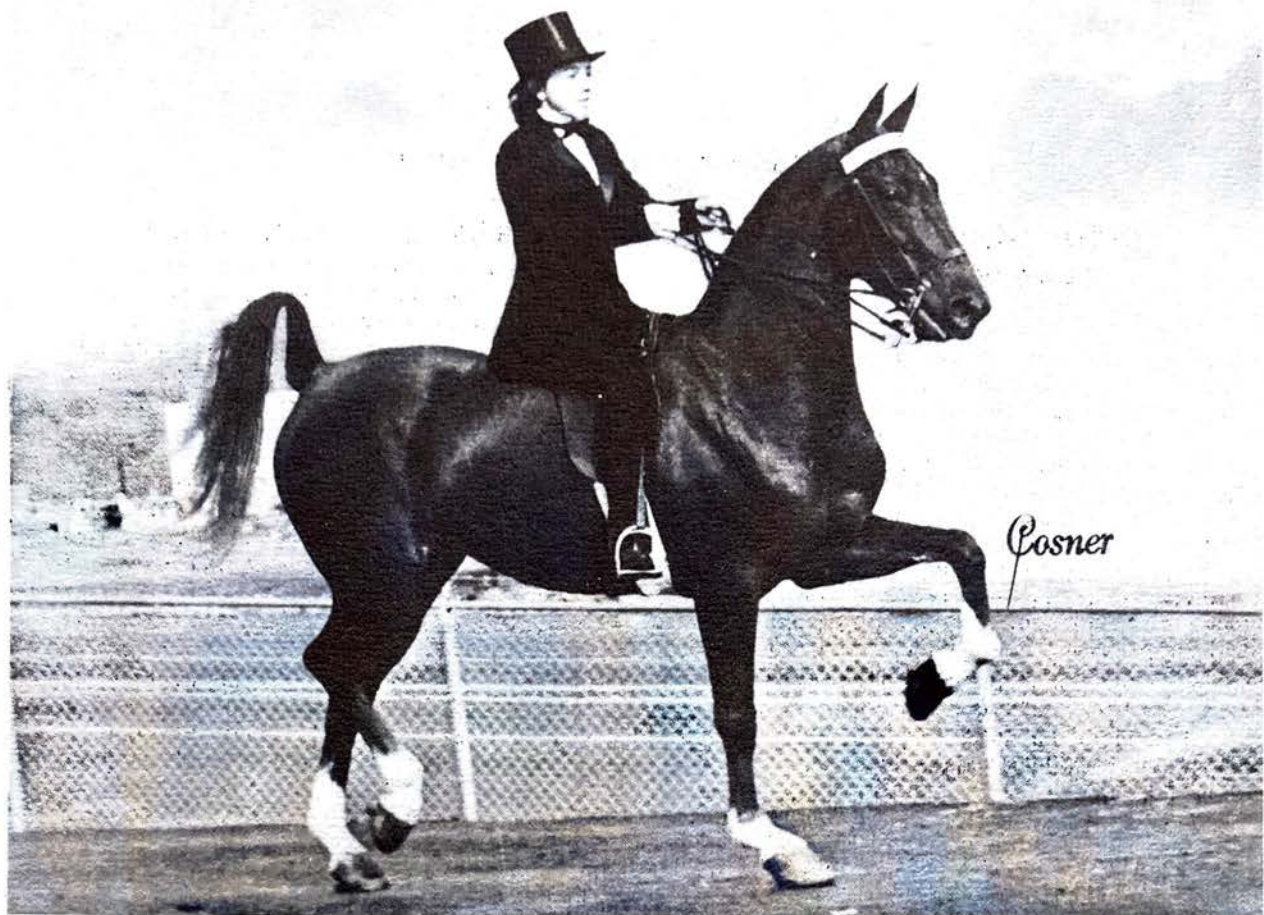
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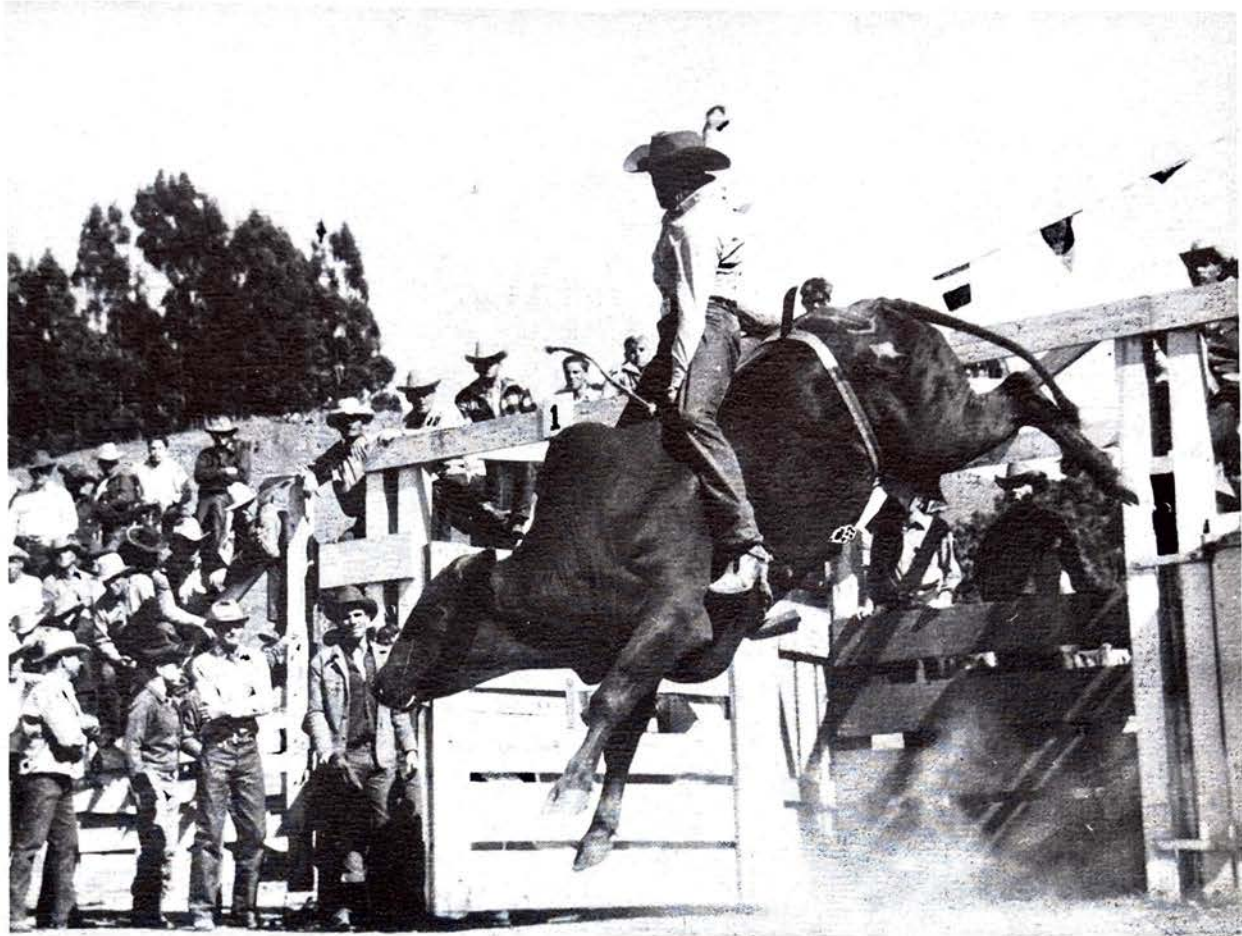


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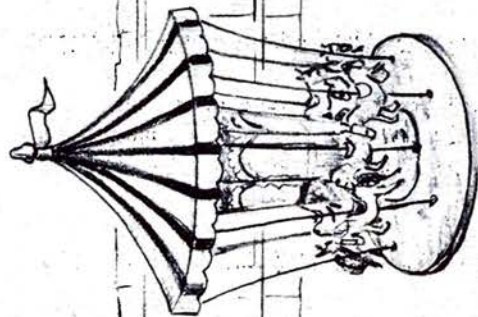


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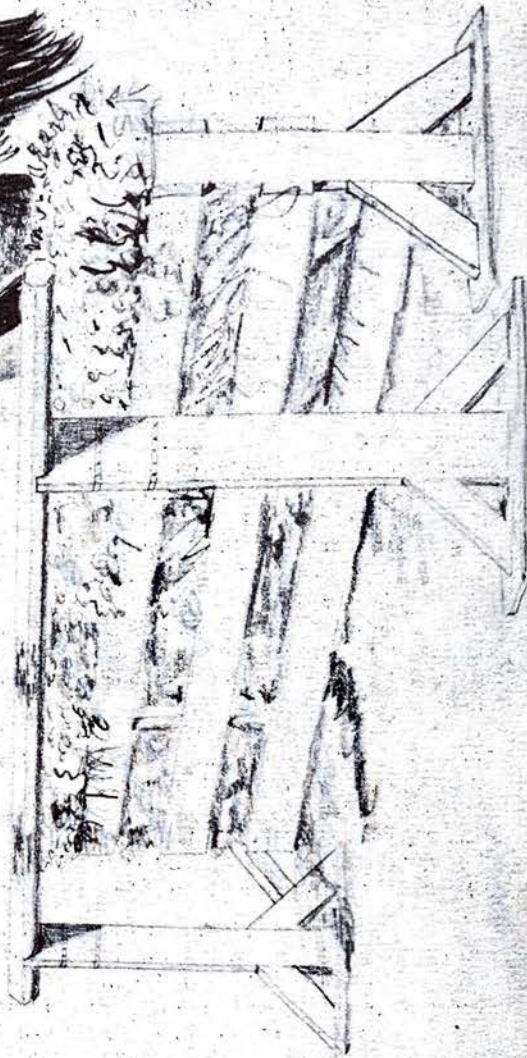
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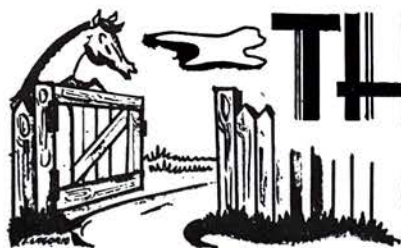
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THROUGH THE OPEN GATE

"SPEAKING OF OPERATIONS"

(And Not By Irvin Cobb)

Faith in our community; our dealings, one with another; our associates, a-foot or horseback; should be the goal of our democratic life. From a horseman's point of view this privilege may focus on activities emanating from the Sport of Kings: horses, horse shows, races, rodeos, etc. Management and the community are responsible for proper conduct of such affairs. For instance, management, a known or unknown promoter, steps into town weighed down with all of his worldly goods tucked into a suit case. He glances about hopefully and soon invokes the interest of a group of representative citizens bound together with determination to accumulate money for their worthy cause, civic welfare. A strong tie of reciprocity binds the two. Without the good name of community sponsorship, the promoter can not operate, without the spoils of this operation, the welfare may be denied possible revenue. And thus, under the spell of a world wide superlative name and fake announcements, the show goes on!

With faith in sponsorship, a desire to contribute to the local benefit, eagerness to support and guide equestrian activities in the community and thus help establish a genuine outlet for horsemen, residents and business people of the chosen area, enlist their wholehearted efforts to further the cause. As the opening date approaches there is felt an uncertainty in organization and lack of sound business procedure, yet those committed to backing the show push on harder than ever, determined to assure a successful performance in spite of surmounting obstacles of questionable ethics. Thru it all, however, there is confidence in ethical management guaranteed by the moral responsibility of sponsorship.

The show comes and goes, on the surface
Continued on page 13

To The Editor:—

Will you please find a place in our magazine to express my sympathy over the recent death of Joseph (Salmi Joe) Madaglia. He is a friend of long standing and I feel that all horse people have too, lost a real friend.

Jack A. Rose,
Tourist Club,
Truckee, Calif.

PICTORIAL SECTION

This month's pictorial section shows Golden Rainbow, a beautiful chestnut three-gaited mare by Destiny Bay out of Ma Belle. This splendid mare owned and exhibited by Mrs. Lucille Simons has given a splendid account of herself in the show ring.

(Corrine Smith up)

The lower picture shows Cock Robin, one of the well known and best performing five-gaited horses in all of California. Cock Robin owned and ridden by Richard Reed, has an enviable record throughout the horse show circuit.

(Richard Reed up)

The center spread shows some very clever rodeo shots taken by that well known clown, photographer and bull fighter, Hawk Hyde. You will recall his recent write-up in Life Magazine.

The back cover is a very clever drawing giving us a splendid idea of what we have to look forward to in the way of jumping competition this year. These girls have their sights set high, and are capable of hitting their mark. You'll recognize Sandra Logue and Norma Burton. Their new trade mark is to be Carousel Farm. You'll hear more about them next month.

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Aahmes Shrine Rangers

The Rangers were justly proud of their appearance at the International Horse Show & Rodeo at the Exposition Building in February. In spite of the handicap of working in a narrow arena, necessitating the exclusion of a full squad and the illness of many of the participants, the Rangers chalked up eight consecutive, flawless performances. Each member and his horse really clicked and their precision movements were enthusiastically received by the spectators.

The next appearance of the unit was in the St. Patrick's Day Parade where the Rangers won top honors as the most outstanding Western group. The M.H.A. should be proud of its member organizations, because although there were representations from all over the State in this parade, four M.H.A. units brought home trophies. The Lari-Ettes winning for the best ladies group, the Alameda County Sheriff's Posse, winning best sheriff's posse and Fleet Medlin Rancho, winning the best palomino group.

Due to the fact that a third of the regular drill team would not be able to appear on that date, the Rangers were forced to turn down a very fine offer to be the feature attraction at the big horse show and rodeo in the Los Angeles Coliseum on April 24.

Si Simons and Emmett Boger, left on April 12, for New York City where they are attending conventions. Irvin Hansen also made a business trip to New York. Ted Dreyer's business took him South for a couple of weeks.

Fred Bemis constructed another trophy cabinet which he placed in the club rooms this month. The Rangers now have a very attractive display of awards.

The next appearance of the unit will be at Willows, Calif., on May 13-14-15. This will be the third consecutive year the group has participated in the annual Lamb Derby there. Activities will include escorting the queen and officials at coronation ceremonies on Friday, a parade on Saturday and drilling at the horse show on Sunday. There will also be banquets and dances to entertain the Rangers and their wives.

At the Oakland

A group from the Oakland Riding Academy held a most enjoyable Easter ride and egg hunt, with the riders leaving the stables about 2 p.m. over the Sunset trail through the park. After their return the egg hunt took place in the loft of the barn, the group then motoring to the Old Orchard in the park where a barbecue concluded the day's festivities.

The Oakland will hold its annual show on May 2. Planned as an all Western show, the class will be Western equitation, for riders 12 and under; a similar class for 12 and over; a pair class; a ladies' trail class and a men's trail class. In the stock horse class the entrance fee will be \$10.00, the fee to be split and added to the prize money. There will be an open trail class, and one for pinto and palomino horses, to be judged on color and performance, way of going, manners and equipment. Silver will not count. A musical chairs class will complete the program followed by the presentation of the championship ribbon.

The all English show will be held May 30 and will have 10 classes. The equitation classes, 12 and under and 12 and over, will be closed to pupils of the Oakland Academy. The following classes will be open, adult equitation; green jumpers, with the jump not to exceed 3'6"; pair class; open hunters, jump 4'6"; road hacks; park hacks; a saddlebred driving class; open jumpers and the championship award.

Both shows will be judged by Velvo Glissen.

With the Leona Riders

Miss Graham's Redwood stable, on Skyline Blvd., and Redwood road, will be the scene of the first horse show of the season for the Leona Riders.

The show will get under way at 10 a.m. on May 8 and will be an open show with the exception of the broom polo class, limited to Leona polo players only.

Classifications include (1) Trail class, both Western and English type; (2) Colt in hand class for two years and under; (3) Leona three phase, with the horses to be shown under Western and English equipment as a suitable bareback mount; (4) Stock horses; (5) Teams of three, Western or English; (6) English pleasure class, saddlebred type; (7) No girth, English; (8) Open Jumpers and (9) Broom polo. Entrance fees range from two to three dollars.

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Upson Downs to Sponsor Hunter Trial

During the past few weeks Upson Downs members have been busy painting jumps, building hazards and cleaning up the Leona creek cross-country course, MacArthur Run, the Eucalyptus grove and Upson Downs course for the first phase of the Inter-Country hunter trials. These hunter trials are being sponsored by Upson Downs members and will be held at Cressmount, Sunday afternoon, May 29 at 1 o'clock.

Winifred Johnson, Upson Downs president is chairman of the show; Pat Gorie, trophies; Barbara Bangs, publicity; Mary Gale, program; Virginia Abel and Lorraine Harris, concessions; ribbons, Bob McCarty and Lorraine Lacerda. Field Committee: Bud Bahnsen, Jim Boswell, John Thiel and Bob McCarty.

Entry blanks may be obtained from Win Johnson, 612 Longridge Road, Oakland or at Cressmount.

Classes include division: green working hunter, green hunter and children's hunters. Open division: open working hunters, open hunters and teams of three hunters and road hacks. Rules and attire of the hunting field will be the order of the day.

It has been quite awhile since hunter trials have been held at Cressmount which is ideally suited to such an event. Spectators will have much in store as the hunting events will provide thrills aplenty.



BIT & SPUR ANNUAL HORSE SHOW, SUNDAY, MAY 8

Riding groups from San Francisco Junior College, Dominican College, San Jose State, University of California, San Rafael Junior College, Stanford and Menlo Junior College will be represented at the Bit & Spur Horse Show, Sunday, May 8 at Cressmount.

Lucy Fiske, publicity chairman of Bit & Spur, announced that the college swimming pool will be open to riders wanting to cool off after the show. Charlotte Baldwin, luncheon chairman, has promised something unusual in the culinary line to be served to riders at the luncheon. Admission to the show will be free. Classes are Jumpers—Open and Seat & Hands Over Jumps; Advanced and Intermediate Equitation, Park Hacks, Pairs, gymkhana events and the B. & S Perpetual Trophy Class.

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Junior Hunt at Cressmount

Tally Ho! Then the sound of thundering hooves and the Junior hunt was underway at Cressmount on April 10. The hunt, led by Cornelia Cress on Co-Ed Amber and Mary Lou Hutton on Charlan, went over hill and down dale, through the creek bed and over the jumps which dot the cross-country course.

The riders were judged and given points for their performance over the jumps. Judges were, Bob McCarthy, Lorraine Lacerda, Phyllis and John Teil. Winners: Peggy Day and Linda Lorimer, each receiving 10 points; Vandra and Wilda Rosendahl, Joyce Williams, Windy Smith, Karen Anderson, Janet Scott, Dede Brandes, Priscilla Meyer, Don Schumacher and Jo Ann Schetter. After the point jumping contest, the riders assembled at the jumping course behind Miss Cress' home where they jumped in hunt teams. First place to hunt teams was won by Wilda Rosendahl, Windy Smith and Joyce Williams on El Toro, Indian and Strongbow; second to Peggy Day, Dede Brandes and Don Schumacher riding Duffle Bag, Disc and Peter Patch.

After the hunt supper was served in the Cressmount courtyard by Shongehon members.

With the Lari-ettes

The Lari-ettes are busy shining up their latest trophy to add to their already large collection, this one being the one awarded to them at the St. Patrick's day parade, in San Francisco.

Loretta Cosca, mascot of the group, did a fine job in front of the reviewing stand with her trick horse Poppy, where she executed her clever rope tricks. She later joined the riders and rode standing up in her saddle for several blocks meanwhile doing her rope routines. Thanks a lot, Loretta, nice going!

Alberta Weisgerber brought many thrilling stories from her trip to the Mardi Gras and also showed colored 'movies at the April meeting. We were surely sorry to hear that her husband's horse was badly hurt.

Dorreen and Jim Decker have recently purchased a new sorrel mare and now that they have two horses we expect to see them on the trails.

Marge O'Brien was welcomed back following a siege of illness. Ruby Welch was also able to be present, but looking a little peaked. We missed you both.

Carmel Lougher has moved to Napa and we will miss her around the hills, but she has promised to be down for the monthly meetings. Good luck Greg and Carmel in your new home.

Geneva Menicucci's quarter horse mare, Hi-Heels, took second in the hackamore class with Jimmy Black up, and third in the breeding class for mares three years

and over. These awards were made at the Stockton Quarter Horse Show and auction.

International Footprinters Ass'n

Members of the I.F.A. received much favorable comment for their first public appearance when they made a colorful showing at the St. Patrick's parade in San Francisco.

The group drills every other Sunday at Regional park under the direction of Captain Eddie Martin. Plans are underway to attend the national Footprinters conclave to be held in Salt Lake City in mid-May.

Alameda County Sheriff's Posse

The Alameda County Sheriff's posse planned a dinner meeting at the Villa de la Paix on April 12, with the highlight of the evening being the presentation of a deputy sheriff's badge to Harry Rowell. Sheriff H. P. Gleason made the presentation. Monsignor Hammond was among the guests.

The posse has now attained full membership and is drilling every Sunday in the new arena in the park. Members are planning to compete with other drill teams during the season according to Lieutenant Walter Blumert, drill master.

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May 7-8—Sacramento, Horse Show
May 8—Boonville, Horse Show & Sheep dog trials
May 13-15—Angels Camp, Rodeo
May 15—Marysville, Horse Show
May 15—Orland, Stampede
May 19-22—Chico, Rodeo—H. S.
May 20-22—Sacramento, Horse Show
May 22—Tracy, Rodeo
May 22—Vallejo, Horse Show
May 22—Concord, Jr. Show
May 22—Woodside, Horse Show
May 27-30—Sonoma, H. Show & Rodeo
May 29—Palo Alto, Horse Show
May 31-June 5—L. A., Horse Show
May 30—M.H.A. Field Day
June 5—Salinas, Jr. Rodeo
June 5—El Cajon, Horse Show
June 5—Berkeley, Horse Show
June 5—San Jose, Rodeo
June 5—Los Altos, Horse Show
June 3-5—Tracy, Frontier Days
June 11-12—Livermore, Rodeo
June 12—Healdsburg, Horse Show & Dog Trials
June 12—Santa Cruz, Horse Show
June 16-19—Salinas, Rodeo
June 19—Novato, Horse Show
June 19—Roseville, Horse Show
June 22-25—Merced, Yosemite Ride
June 25-26—Oakland, Horse Show
July 4 nite—Modesto, Horse Show
July 2-4—Redwood City, Rodeo
June 27 - July 4—Del Mar, Horse Show
July 12-17—Sta. Barbara, Horse Show
Sept. 3—Lodi, Dance

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a great success: large crowds, enthusiastic audience; hopeful creditors. The management admits "the show paid off well, gross far more than expected tho expenses were heavy" . . . Then the "pay off", the wake of a community-wide financial scandal; rubber checks bounding from here to there; scraps of paper, erstwhile contracts fluttering about; unpaid obligations widespread. However, the show was a financial success, a cash matter with no just reason for delay in settling promptly, all accounts. We know also the government received it's share in tax; the city in rental of building; the charity its portion, yet those actually backing the show with equipment, supplies, services, expense, and effort are by-passed and stranded—the forgotten creditors, with no hope whatever for restitution. The matter is glibly dismissed, "It is unfortunate but there is nothing that can be done—be more careful next time."

There should be "no next time!" Legislation properly enforced can eliminate the hazzard of wholesale swindle. I may not express myself in technically correct terms but will make certain proposals it is hoped will be taken seriously and be incorporated, with other protective measures into our city ordinances:

PROMOTERS: in behalf of public interest and protection, issuing of license by city should place restraint upon promoter's tactics;

(A.) Investigation. 1. Dunn & Bradstreet rating. 2. Police record. 3. Past record carefully checked thru local investigation in towns where promoter has operated. 4. Bank account and other assets. (B.) Issuing of license bound by contract. 1. Adequate cash bond in escrow with city or sponsor to care for all obligations of show. 2. Accurate recording of all financial transactions of show demanded and subject to independant audit. a. All receipts to be deposited in local bank under account name of organization or show. b. All disbursements to be made by check against such deposits.

SPONSORSHIP: Nature of this should give backers of show justified confidence in proper conduct of event.

(A.) Granted only on complete approval of show and protection of community against fraudulent practice; (C.) Contract for payment of charity: 1. Terms of payment and amount received to be announced publically. 2. Percentage granted on net, not gross, receipts. (D.) Backers of show to be warned against and protected from any known unethical habits of promoter.

CONTROL OF GATE: City, sponsor, or authorized agent, not connected with promoter, to be in full charge of gate.

(A.) Money to be checked out and deposited in local bank after each performance. (B.) Money thus taken in to be held

in trust until all expenses and obligations of show are cleared. (B.) Payment of show in following order: 1. labor; 2. government; 3. creditors; 4. sponsors or those receiving benefit; 5. promoter.

Conditions which allow violation of terms of contract; of labor code; fraudulent practice; fake announcements; issuing of rubber checks at random; removal of thousands of dollars from an unpaid community far behind in it's welfare donations — all, with no redress, warrant the concentrated efforts of all good citizens desiring to assure confidence in and protection to the community.

Cornelia Cress,
Cressmount, Mills College.

Having read the above with a great deal of interest and thought, I wish to state that I definitely concur with the writer and feel there is much food for thought in her suggestions. I am sure that the program as outlined would be of great benefit in future undertakings and would go a long ways toward alleviating similar situations.

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Shongehon

The April meeting of Shongehon was held at the home of Priscilla Meyer. Pat Brandes, club president, presented two new members, Janet Scott and Carol De Vilbiss, with their Shongehon emblems, Janet and Carol will be formally initiated on May 13 with traditional rites!

On Tuesday, April 12, Shongehon members held a picnic ride under the direction of Mary Lou Hutton. Mrs. Volney Labarthe, Susan Tucker, Jack Reim and Connie Reim were guests of the day. After a trail ride the riders stopped for lunch and played games. Those members were Peggy Day, Dede Brandes, Vandra and Wilda Rosendahl, Happy Clements, Jo Ann Schetter, Janet and Joyce Moore, Priscilla Meyer.

Hats off to the new publicity chairman, Vandra Rosendahl, for her fine job of reporting Shongehon news. Vandra turns in copy like a veteran reporter.

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Some of the club members have been giving exhibition square dances at Sandra's, to the music of Dusty Dale.

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